

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Social Welfare Department – Sri K.P.J.Ratna Babu, Retired Addl. Director (SW) – Certain financial irregularities in maintenance of A.P. Study Circle, Hyderabad during the year 2004 and 2005 – Imposed penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of one year, besides recovery of Rs.54,171/- – Orders – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (SER.III.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 566

Dated:08-08-2012

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.22, SW (Ser.III.2) Dept., dated:07-02-2009.
2. G.O.Rt.No.93, SW (Ser.III.2) Dept., dated: 07-02-2009.
3. Written Statement of Defence of Sri K.P.J.Ratna Babu, formerly Director, A.P. Study Circle, Hyderabad (now Retd.), dated: 07-03-2009.
4. G.O.Rt.Nos.533 & 534, SW (Ser.III.2) Dept., dated: 18-7-2009.
5. From the VC&MD and I.O. Hyd, Lr.No.MDP/Spl/APSC/ 09, dated: 31.012.2009 (Inquiry Report)
6. G.O.Rt.No.302, SW (Ser.III.2) Dept., dated: 27-3-2010.
7. G.O.Rt.No.404, SW (Ser.III.2) Dept., dated: 19-5-2011.
8. From the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Lr.No.A1/ 387/ 2007, dated: 30-11-2011.
9. Govt.Memo.No.10433/SW.(. 2) Ser.III Dept., dt.1.2.2012
10. Written representation of Sri K.P.J.Ratna Babu, Retd. Addl. Director (SW), dated: 20.3.2012.
11. From the Secy., APPSC, Hyd., Lr No 1451/RT/2012,, Dated: 25-7-2012.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, departmental proceedings were initiated against Sri K.P.J.Ratna Babu, formerly Director of A.P. Study Circle, Hyderabad (Retired Additional Director, Social Welfare). In the reference 2nd read above, Articles of Charges were framed against him for the alleged financial irregularities committed by him during the period from May 2004 to December 2005.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri K.P.J.Ratna Babu, formerly Director, A.P. Study Circle, Hyderabad has submitted his written statement of defence. Having not convinced with the written statement of defence of the Charged Officer, in the reference 4th read above, Dr.N.Nageswara Rao, I.A.S, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, APSCCFC Ltd., Hyderabad has been appointed as Inquiry Authority under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Authority has submitted Inquiry Report and reported that one charge is held proved out of the two charges framed against the Charged Officer.

4. In the reference 6th read above, while furnishing the Inquiry Officer's Report, Government issued show cause notice to the delinquent officer, calling for his explanation as to why a penalty withholding of 5% pension for a period of one year, should not be imposed, apart from the recovery of misappropriated amount of Rs.1,00,000/-.

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5. In response to the show-cause notice, the Delinquent Officer has raised objection that no notice was served to him by the Inquiring Authority before conducting inquiry into the charges framed against him and the inquiry has been conducted by the inquiring authority without his presence.

6. After considering the objection raised by the delinquent officer, Government, vide reference 7th read above, has appointed Smt.B.Udaya Laxmi, I.A.S, Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad as Inquiring Authority to conduct de-novo inquiry under Rule 20 Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A)Rules, 1991.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad & Inquiry Officer has conducted the inquiry and submitted inquiry report to Government for taking further necessary action in the matter.

8. In the reference 9th read above, while furnishing a copy of the inquiry report, Government have directed to Sri K.P.J.Ratna Babu to Show Cause as to why a penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of one year shall not be imposed, besides recovery of the misappropriated amount of Rs.74,537/-, in respect of telephones charges.

9. In the reference 10th read above, Sri K.P.J.Ratna Babu has submitted his written statement of defence before the Government, pleading that the Inquiry Officer has erred in computation of the amounts.

10. In the meantime, the Hon'ble APAT in its orders dated: 29.06.2011 in O.A.No.4113/2010 directed the respondents to finalize the disciplinary proceedings and pass final orders against Sri K.P.J.Ratna Babu, Retired Addl.Director(SW) within a period of 3 months. The Hon'ble APAT in its orders Dated: 13-06-2012 in C.A.No.659 of 2011 in O.A.No.4113 of 2010 directed the respondents to finalize the disciplinary proceedings against the applicant within a period of 2 weeks.

11. After considering the written representation of the delinquent officer, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of 1 year, besides recovery of an amount of Rs.54,171/- against Sri K.P.J.Ratna Babu, former Director, A.P. Study Circle, Hyderabad and retired Additional Director (SW).

12. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission in the reference 11th read above, has agreed with the proposal of the Government.

13. After careful examination of the appeal petition, Government hereby order to impose penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of one (1) year, besides recovery of an amount of Rs.54,171/- against Sri K.P.J. Ratna Babu, former Director, A.P. Study Circle, Hyderabad and retired Additional Director(SW).

14. The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary further action accordingly under intimation to Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**J.RAYMOND PETER
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.
Sri K.P.J. Ratna Babu, former Director, A.P. Study Circle, Hyderabad
(through Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad)

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Copy to:

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General of A.P., Hyderabad.

The Deputy Accountant General(Pensions), O/o Accountant General of A.P., Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER